REMARKS

Interview Summary

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of extending a telephonic interview on January 10, 2007. During the interview, independent claim 80 and dependent claims 82-84 were discussed in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,526,575 to McCoy *et al.* ("McCoy"). Applicants' representative pointed out that the Advisory Action did not explicitly addressed the arguments presented in applicants' Response of November 13, 2006. For example, the Advisory Action did not even mention dependent claims 82, 98 and 113, which were argued separately from their base claims. *See* Response of November 13, 2006, at 18 and 19. In addition, applicants' representative explained arguments and suggested amendments that were similar to those presented in this response.

The Examiner agreed that claims 82, 98, and 133 had not been not addressed in the Advisory Action. The Examiner also agreed that the suggested amendment would clarify the claimed subject matter. The applicants' representative agreed to file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and requested the Examiner to reconsider the arguments presented in the Response of November 13, 2006.

No agreement has been reached regarding the patentability of the claims.

Claims

Claims 80-125 were pending when last examined. Claims 24-27 are canceled and claims 1-23 are withdrawn. Claims 80, 96, and 111 has been amended by the present response. No new matter has been added. Support for the amendment can be found at least in FIGS. 2, 4, and 5, and the corresponding description in the specification.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

Claims 80-125 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by McCoy. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

Claim 80, as amended, recites a computer-implemented method for processing description of multimedia content. The method includes receiving a description about a group of multimedia objects, the group including a first multimedia object, and the description about the group including a first group identifier that is a distinct element of the description about the group and identifies the group of multimedia objects. The method also includes comparing the first group identifier with one or more previously stored group identifiers when the first multimedia object is displayed on a terminal. If the first group identifier is different from the previously stored group identifiers, the description about the group of multimedia objects is stored.

As discussed in the Response of November 18, 2006, McCoy fails to disclose a first group identifier that is a distinct element of the description about the group and identifies the group of multimedia objects, as required by claim 80.

In addition to the first group identifier, dependent claim 90 also recites a title for the first multimedia object. Thus, the claims in the present application differentiate the first group identifier from titles of multimedia objects. Because McCoy teaches only comparing titles of multimedia objects, McCoy fails to disclose comparing the first group identifier with one or more previously stored group identifiers, as required by claim 80.

Because McCoy fails to disclose at least the above limitations, claim 80 is allowable.

Independent claims 96 and 111 recite a computer program product and a system, respectively, that require a first group identifier and a comparing step that are similar to those recited in claim 80. Because McCoy fails to disclose these limitations, claims 96 and 111 are allowable.

Claims 81-95, 97-110 and 112-125 are dependent claims, and are allowable for at least the same reasons as their respective base claims.

The dependent claims may also provide additional reasons for patentability. Claims 82, 98 and 113, for example, require providing link information in the usage history, wherein the link information is configured to link the description about the group to each user action

that is related to the first multimedia object and listed in the usage history. McCoy, however, fails to disclose any link information that is configured to link the description about the group to each user action that is related to the first multimedia object and is listed in the usage history, as required by claims 82, 98 and 113. Lacking the claimed link information, McCoy cannot disclose that the link information includes the first group identifier, as required by claim 83. Neither does McCoy disclose the step of storing the usage history with the link information, but without storing the description about the group of multimedia objects if the first group identifier is the same as one of the previously stored identifiers, as required by amended claims 84, 99 and 114.
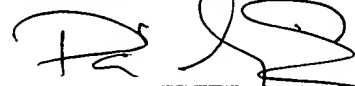
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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the pending claims be allowed and the case passed to issue. Should the Examiner wish to discuss the Application, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at (415) 772-7493.

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